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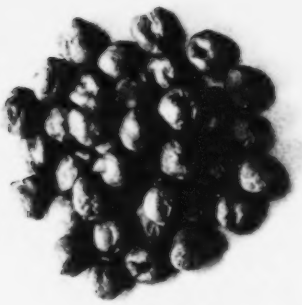

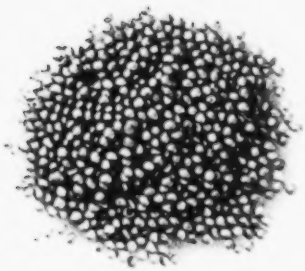

Crop Planning Guide 2005

SPECIALTY CROPS

pulses, oilseeds, spices and other crops

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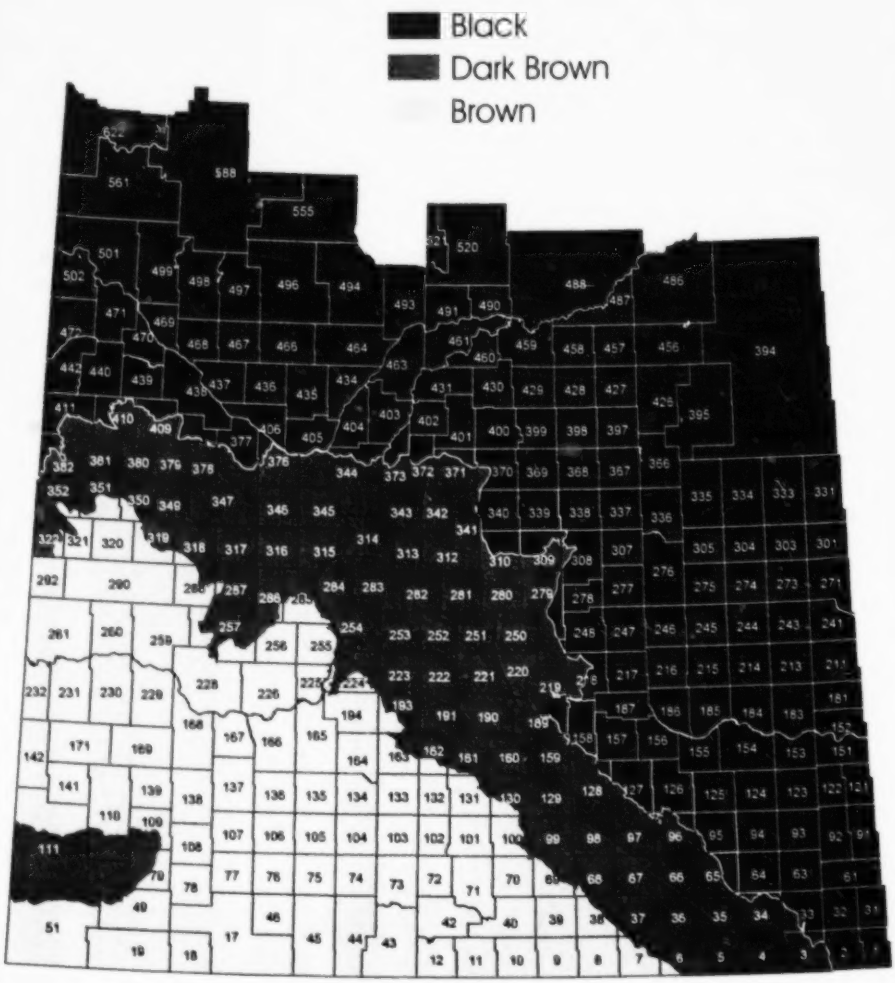

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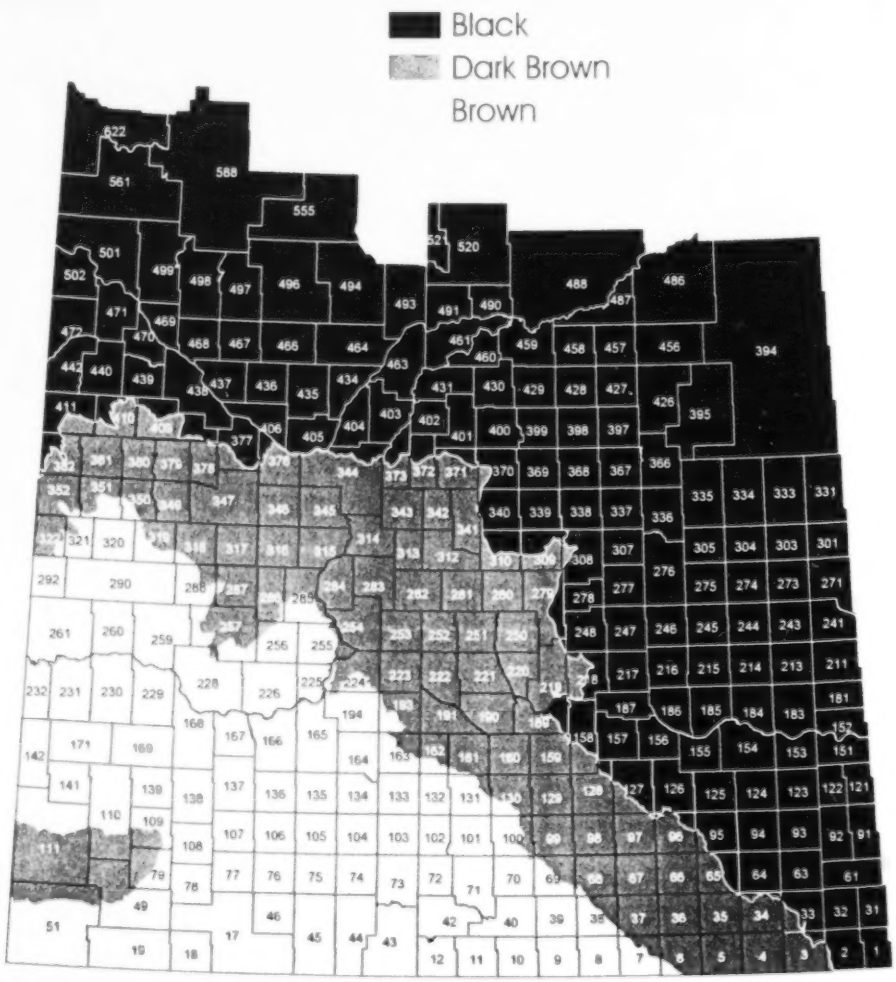

Assumptions – Specialty Crops

1. **Seed including cleaning**:

A) Pulse:
- Large Green lentil 90 lb./ac. at $0.26/lb.
- Small Green lentil 45 lb./ac. at $0.28/lb.
- Red lentil 45 lb./ac. at $0.24/lb.
- Green pea 180 lb./ac. at $0.11/lb.
- Yellow pea 180 lb./ac. at $0.10/lb.
- Feed pea 180 lb./ac. at $0.08/lb.
- Pinto Bean 100 lb./ac. at $0.50/lb.
- Desi Chickpea 95 lb./ac. at $0.21/lb.
- Kabuli Chickpea 9mm 150 lb./ac. at $0.48/lb.
- Kabuli Chickpea 7mm 110 lb./ac. at $0.28/lb.
- Fababean 180 lb./ac. at $0.20/lb.

B) Oilseed:
- Early Short Sunflower 7 lb./ac. at $4.00/lb.
- Standard Sunflower 5 lb./ac. at $7.00/lb.
- Yellow Mustard 10 lb./ac. at $1.70/lb. treated
- Oriental Mustard 8 lb./ac. at $1.65/lb. treated
- Brown Mustard 10 lb./ac. at $1.65/lb. treated
- Safflower 30 lb./ac. at $0.30/lb.

C) Spice and Other Crops:
- Winter wheat 105 lb./ac. @ $0.09/lb.
- Canary seed 35 lb./ac. at $0.19/lb.
- Buckwheat 50 lb./ac. at $0.33/lb.
- Caraway 10 lb./ac. at $0.76/lb.
- Dill 8 lb./ac. at $0.73/lb.
- Coriander 25 lb./ac. at $0.49/lb.
- Fenugreek 30 lb./ac. at $0.45/lb.
- Borage 15 lb./ac. at $4.63/lb.
- Seed prices used were either an average of common seed and seed grower prices or just seed grower prices.

2. **Fertilizer:**

Nitrogen based on 46-0-0 at $390/tonne ($.38/lb.)
- Black soil zone: 30 lb. N/ac. fallow and 60 lb. N/ac. stubble
- Dark Brown soil zone: 25 lb. N/ac. fallow and 50 lb. N/ac. stubble
- Brown soil zone: 20 lb. N/ac. fallow and 45 lb. N/ac. stubble
- Nitrogen on lentil, pea, chickpea, fababean and fenugreek 6 lb. N/ac. based on 50 lb. of 12-51-0
- Nitrogen on pinto bean 50 lb./acre
- Nitrogen on winter wheat 75 lb./acre

Phosphorus based on 12-51-0 at $397/tonne ($.26/lb.)
- The following lists the recommended rates of seed placed phosphate: Cereals 30 lb./ac., Oilseeds 15-20 lb./ac., Pulses 15-20 lb./ac., Spices 15-20 lb./ac. Source: SAFRR

Sulphur based on 20-0-0-24 at $309/tonne ($.26/lb)
- Sulphur on mustard at 10 lb. S/acre
- *Caraway: is a three year crop and sown with a cover crop. In the year of establishment, the fertilizer costs are attributed to the cover crop. In its second and third year, 50 lb. of N/ac./year are applied to the crop.

3. **Pesticides:**

Herbicides:
- All crops were 100% treated for wild oats where registered except for canary seed which was 25% treated (to be consistent with the soil zone guides) and no wild oat treatment for winter wheat.
- Caraway: for wild oat control several herbicides are registered. Caraway takes a year to establish therefore in the first year chemical costs were applied to the cover crop.
- All crops were 100% treated for broadleaves where registered, except no broadleaf application was applied to the mustards to keep consistent with the soil zone guides.
- Fenugreek and Borage: received a pre plant burn off only because no herbicides are registered for use in crop.

Others:
- All crops receive seed treatment or inoculation except dill, borage and winter wheat.
- Canary seed: insect control 20% of acres
- Mustard: insect control 10% of acres
- Lentil: fungicide 20% of acres, desiccation 75% of acres. Insecticide 25% of acres per year for grasshoppers
- Pea: desiccation 25% of acres except feed pea, which is at 10%. Insecticide 10% of acres for pea aphids
- Pinto bean: fungicide 75% of acres, seed treatment 100% of acres, seed insecticide 50% of acres, seed inoculant 25% of acres
- Desi Chickpea - fungicide 50% of acres
- Kabuli Chickpea Large – fungicide 100% of acres, two applications
- Kabuli Chickpea Small – fungicide 100% of acres, one application
- Sunflower: insect control 20% of acres
- Winter Wheat: pre-seed glyphosate treatment @1.0L/ac. on 50% of acres

4. **Operating costs** are based on recommended production practices in the respective soil zones.

5. **Fuel costs** are based on estimated fuel consumption for the various farming operations with diesel fuel priced at 59 cents per litre.

6. **Machinery repair** rates are 6% of machinery investment per year for pea, lentil, pinto bean, chickpea, fababean, sunflower and safflower and 5% for all other crops.

7. **Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC)** premiums are based on 70% of the risk area(s) coverage plus 20%. Not all crops are insurable through SCIC.

8. **Building repair** rates are 5% of building investment per acre.

9. **Operating interest** is calculated on all cash operating costs at 4.8% for 6 months on all crops, 18 months for fallow.

10. **Machinery depreciation** is calculated at 10% of machinery investment per year on a straight-line basis.

11. **Building depreciation** is based on a specified building investment for each soil zone multiplied by 5% per year on a straight-line basis.

12. **Average machinery investment** is calculated for each soil zone. An additional machinery investment of $35 per seeded acre is assumed for most crops in this guide due to their specialized nature.

13. **Investment cost** on building and machinery investment is calculated at a rate of 4.8% on the investment per acre.

14. **Land investment cost** is based on average land values in each soil zone multiplied by 4.5% as a return on investment.

15. **Crop prices** for 2005 production are farm gate price estimates for 2005 crop production, provided by SAFRR in December 2004.

16. **Crops** that appear in both the Crop Planning Guides and the Specialty Crops Guide that share the same soil zone and are continuous cropped have their yields averaged between SAFRR's ten-year averages and SCIC yields plus 20%. These crops are large green lentil (dark brown soil zone), feed pea (black soil zone), brown mustard (brown soil zone) and canary seed (dark brown soil zone).

17. **Labour and management** - These budgets do not include an estimate for owner/operator labour and management. This value varies greatly and farm managers need to determine their own actual labour and management cost.

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CROP PRODUCTION COSTS ($/ACRE) SPECIALTY CROPS 2

	PULSE CROPS										
CROP	#1 Large Green Lentil	#1 Small Green Lentil	#1 Red Lentil	#1 Green Pea	#1 Yellow Pea	Feed Pea	Pinto Bean*	#1 Desi Chickpea	#1-9mm Kabuli C'pea	#1-7mm Kabuli C'pea	Fab
Type of Rotation	Re-crop	Re-crop	Re-crop	Re-crop	Re-crop	Re-crop	Fallow	Re-crop	Re-crop	Re-crop	R
Rotation Years Required to Grow This Crop	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	
Soil Zone	DBrown	DBrown	DBrown	Black	Black	Black	DBrown	Brown	Brown	Brown	
REVENUE PER ACRE											
Estimated Yield (bu/ac,lb/ac) (A)	1155.00	1305.00	1224.00	27.80	29.30	30.40	1000.00	1282.80	1056.00	1438.00	13
Est. On Farm Market Price/bus,lb (B)	0.18	0.17	0.16	4.00	3.50	3.00	0.24	0.13	0.22	0.15	
Estimated Gross Revenue/ac (AxB)=(C)	**207.90**	**221.85**	**195.84**	**111.20**	**102.55**	**91.20**	**240.00**	**166.76**	**232.32**	**215.70**	1
EXPENSES PER ACRE											
Variable Expenses/acre											
Seed	23.40	12.60	10.80	19.80	18.00	14.40	50.00	19.95	72.00	30.80	
Fertilizer - Nitrogen	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	19.00	2.28	2.28	2.28	
- Phosphorus	5.20	5.20	5.20	3.90	3.90	3.90	6.50	5.20	5.20	5.20	
- Sulphur & Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Chemical*** - Herbicides/Fungicides	34.57	34.57	34.57	23.35	23.35	21.31	67.15	30.81	57.09	39.57	
- Insecticides	1.38	1.38	1.38	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
- Seed Treatment/Innoculant	1.80	0.90	0.90	3.60	3.60	3.60	9.50	1.90	10.50	7.70	
Machinery Operating - Fuel	12.98	12.98	12.98	12.98	12.98	12.98	11.21	12.98	12.98	12.98	1
- Repair	12.06	12.06	12.06	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.06	10.74	10.74	10.74	1
Custom Work & Hired Labour	4.25	4.25	4.25	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Crop Insurance Premium	14.60	16.43	15.13	6.77	6.77	6.77	0.00	10.12	13.03	13.20	
Utilities & Miscellaneous	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.85	3.28	3.28	3.28	
Interest on Variable Expenses	2.82	2.58	2.51	2.28	2.24	2.10	4.40	2.41	4.56	3.09	
Total Variable Expenses (D)	**120.18**	**110.08**	**106.90**	**97.35**	**95.51**	**89.74**	**187.67**	**102.66**	**194.66**	**131.84**	13
Other Expenses/acre											
Building Repair	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.20	0.90	0.90	0.90	
Property Taxes	4.97	4.97	4.97	5.55	5.55	5.55	4.97	4.38	4.38	4.38	
Insurance & Licences	1.90	1.90	1.90	2.25	2.25	2.25	1.90	1.24	1.24	1.24	
Machinery Depreciation	20.10	20.10	20.10	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.10	17.90	17.90	17.90	1
Building Depreciation	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.20	0.90	0.90	0.90	
Machinery Investment	9.65	9.65	9.65	10.80	10.80	10.80	9.65	8.59	8.59	8.59	
Building Investment	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.86	
Land Investment	15.30	15.30	15.30	17.33	17.33	17.33	15.30	13.95	13.95	13.95	1
Total Other Expenses (E)	**55.47**	**55.47**	**55.47**	**63.17**	**63.17**	**63.17**	**55.47**	**48.73**	**48.73**	**48.73**	5
Labour and Management**** (F)											
Total Expenses (D+E+F)=(G)	**175.65**	**165.55**	**162.37**	**160.52**	**158.68**	**152.90**	**243.14**	**151.39**	**243.39**	**180.56**	19
Summerfallow Cost (H)	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**54.24**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Total Rotation Expense (G+H)=(I)	**175.65**	**165.55**	**162.37**	**160.52**	**158.68**	**152.90**	**297.38**	**151.39**	**243.39**	**180.56**	19
RETURNS PER ACRE											
Return Over Variable Expenses (C-D)	**87.72**	**111.77**	**88.94**	**13.85**	**7.04**	**1.46**	**52.33**	**64.10**	**37.66**	**83.86**	-2
Return Over Total Rotation Expenses (C-I)	**32.25**	**56.30**	**33.47**	**-49.32**	**-56.13**	**-61.70**	**-57.38**	**15.37**	**-11.07**	**35.14**	-8
BREAK-EVEN YIELD (lbs or bus per acre)											
To Cover Variable Expenses	**667.7**	**647.5**	**668.1**	**24.3**	**27.3**	**29.9**	**782.0**	**789.7**	**884.8**	**878.9**	16
To Cover Total Rotation Expenses	**975.8**	**973.8**	**1014.8**	**40.1**	**45.3**	**51.0**	**1239.1**	**1164.5**	**1106.3**	**1203.8**	23
BREAK-EVEN PRICE (per lb or bus)											
To Cover Variable Expenses	**0.10**	**0.08**	**0.09**	**3.50**	**3.26**	**2.95**	**0.19**	**0.08**	**0.18**	**0.09**	
To Cover Total Rotation Expenses	**0.15**	**0.13**	**0.13**	**5.77**	**5.42**	**5.03**	**0.30**	**0.12**	**0.23**	**0.13**	

* Yield and costs are for Dryland Pinto Beans only.

** Expenses shown are for two years (year 1 and 2) and revenue is from 2 years (year 2 and 3) of Caraway seed production. Average return per year over total expenses is $93.32 divided by 2 equals $46.66 per year. The expenses associated with the cover crop in year 1 are covered by the revenue from the cover crop.

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ababean (Feed)	Early,Short Sunflower	Standard Sunflower	Yellow Mustard	Oriental Mustard	Brown Mustard	Safflower	Winter Wheat	Canary Seed	Buckwheat	Caraway**	Dill	Coriander	Fenugreek	Borage
Re-crop 1	Re-crop 1	Re-crop 1	Re-crop 1	Re-crop 1	Re-crop 1	Fallow 2	Re-crop 1	Re-crop 1	Fallow 2	Re-crop 3	Fallow 2	Re-crop 1	Fallow 2	Fallow 2
Black	DBrown	DBrown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Black	DBrown	DBrown	DBrown	Black	DBrown	Brown	DBrown
1337.80	986.90	1094.00	665.00	820.00	770.00	676.00	46.00	960.20	609.00	536.60	800.00	683.10	900.00	179.00
0.08	0.16	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	2.94	0.12	0.16	0.37	0.26	0.21	0.23	2.23
107.02	**157.90**	**207.86**	**113.05**	**131.20**	**123.20**	**114.92**	**135.24**	**115.22**	**97.44**	****397.08**	**208.00**	**143.45**	**207.00**	**399.17**
36.00	28.00	35.00	17.00	13.20	16.50	9.00	9.45	6.65	16.50	7.60	5.84	12.25	13.50	69.45
2.28	19.00	19.00	17.10	17.10	17.10	7.60	28.50	19.00	9.50	38.00	11.40	19.00	2.28	9.50
7.80	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	7.80	7.80	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20
0.00	0.00	0.00	2.60	2.60	2.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38.56	25.36	25.36	17.09	17.09	17.09	17.45	9.85	12.77	14.23	56.78	14.71	34.81	3.60	3.60
0.00	0.57	0.57	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.20	0.49	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.00	1.75	1.50	0.30	0.00	0.75	1.50	0.00
12.98	12.98	12.98	12.39	12.39	12.39	10.03	8.26	11.80	11.21	23.60	10.03	11.80	10.03	10.03
11.40	10.68	11.16	7.20	7.20	7.20	9.24	9.50	8.30	8.30	17.60	9.50	9.30	7.70	7.70
3.00	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	5.25	3.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
6.43	5.81	6.95	6.75	6.49	6.52	0.00	4.33	7.13	0.00	29.24	0.00	9.64	0.00	0.00
4.93	4.85	4.85	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.28	4.93	4.85	4.85	9.70	4.93	4.85	3.14	4.64
3.13	2.81	3.01	2.22	2.12	2.20	1.58	3.77	2.09	1.78	6.21	1.55	2.65	1.20	2.71
133.71	**119.74**	**128.43**	**94.73**	**90.57**	**93.98**	**67.28**	**89.39**	**89.27**	**76.07**	**200.22**	**66.16**	**113.26**	**51.15**	**115.83**
1.60	1.20	1.20	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	1.60	1.20	1.20	2.40	1.60	1.20	0.90	1.20
5.55	4.97	4.97	4.38	4.38	4.38	4.38	5.55	4.97	4.97	9.94	5.55	4.97	4.38	4.97
2.25	1.90	1.90	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	2.25	1.90	1.90	3.80	2.25	1.90	1.24	1.90
19.00	17.80	18.60	14.40	14.40	14.40	15.40	19.00	16.60	16.60	35.20	19.00	18.60	15.40	15.40
1.60	1.20	1.20	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	1.60	1.20	1.20	2.40	1.60	1.20	0.90	1.20
9.12	8.54	8.93	6.91	6.91	6.91	7.39	9.12	7.97	7.97	16.90	9.12	8.93	7.39	7.39
1.54	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	1.54	1.15	1.15	2.30	1.54	1.15	0.86	1.15
17.33	15.30	15.30	13.95	13.95	13.95	13.95	17.33	15.30	15.30	30.60	17.33	15.30	13.95	15.30
57.99	**52.07**	**53.25**	**43.55**	**43.55**	**43.55**	**45.03**	**57.99**	**50.29**	**50.29**	**103.54**	**57.99**	**53.25**	**45.03**	**48.51**
191.70	**171.81**	**181.68**	**138.28**	**134.12**	**137.53**	**112.31**	**147.37**	**139.56**	**126.36**	**303.76**	**124.14**	**166.51**	**96.17**	**164.35**
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191.70	**171.81**	**181.68**	**138.28**	**134.12**	**137.53**	**157.54**	**147.37**	**139.56**	**180.60**	**303.76**	**185.02**	**166.51**	**141.40**	**218.59**
-26.69	**38.16**	**79.43**	**18.32**	**40.63**	**29.22**	**47.64**	**45.85**	**25.95**	**21.37**	**196.86**	**141.84**	**30.19**	**155.85**	**283.34**
-84.67	**-13.91**	**26.18**	**-25.23**	**-2.92**	**-14.33**	**-42.62**	**-12.13**	**-24.34**	**-83.16**	****93.32**	**22.98**	**-23.06**	**65.60**	**180.58**
1671.4	**748.4**	**675.9**	**557.2**	**566.1**	**587.4**	**395.8**	**30.4**	**744.0**	**475.5**	**270.6**	**254.5**	**539.3**	**222.4**	**51.9**
2396.2	**1073.8**	**956.2**	**813.4**	**838.2**	**859.6**	**926.7**	**50.1**	**1163.0**	**1128.8**	**410.5**	**711.6**	**792.9**	**614.8**	**98.0**
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Specialty Crop Highlights

Crop	Type	lb./bu.	Adaptation	Seed Rate lb./ac.	Seeds per lb.	Weed Control	Crop Height (inches)
Large Green Lentil	Annual pulse	60	Indeterminate crop, requires some stress to mature seed. Seed early.	90	5,000- 7,000	Several registered herbicides.	16-20
Small Green Lentil	Annual pulse	60	Requires some stress to mature seed. More determinate than Large Green. Seed early.	45	11000-13,500	Several registered herbicides.	12-16
Red Lentil	Annual pulse	60	Requires some stress to mature seed. More determinate than Large Green. Seed early.	45	11000 -13500	Several registered herbicides.	12-16
Green Pea	Annual pulse	60	Prefers moist, cool conditions. Seed early.	150-200	1,600- 2,300	Several registered herbicides.	20-30
Yellow Pea	Annual pulse	60	Prefers moist, cool conditions. Seed early.	150-200	1,300- 2,300	Several registered herbicides.	20-43
Feed Pea	Annual pulse	60	Prefers moist, cool conditions. Seed early.	120-180	1,300- 2,300	Several registered herbicides.	20-43
Pinto Bean narrow row and dry land	Annual pulse	60	Heat and moisture loving. Seed in late May. No frost tolerance.	80-140	1,100- 1,600	Several registered herbicides Seed treatment recommended.	12-20
Desi Chickpea	Annual pulse	60	Indeterminate crop, Brown & Dark Brown Soils.	80-90	1,350- 2,300	Sencor, Poast & Select herbicides are registered. Use clean fields.	12-20
Kabuli Chickpea 9mm Kabuli Chickpea 7mm	Annual pulse	60	Indeterminate crop, Brown soils. Seed after soil reaches 10C at seeding depth.	120-180 100-110	1,100- 2,000 1200- 2,200	Sencor, Poast & Select herbicides are registered. Use clean fields. Seed treatment recommended.	14- 20 14- 20
Faba bean	Annual pulse	60	High moisture areas or irrigation.	120-180	800 - 1,350	Several herbicides registered.	40-60
Safflower	Annual oilseed or birdseed	40	High heat requirements, Brown and Dark Brown soil zones.	22-30	4,500- 5,500	Trifluralin, Edge and Poast are registered herbicides.	20-30
Standard Sunflower	Annual oilseed	30	High heat requirements, South-east Saskatchewan.	5	4,500- 6,800	Trifluralin, Edge and Select are registered herbicides.	60
Early Short Statured Sunflower	Annual oilseed	30	Moderate heat requirements. Brown, Dark Brown and Thin Black soils.	7-10	11,000- 13,500	Trifluralin, Edge and Select are registered herbicides.	24-35
Yellow Mustard	Annual oilseed	50	Better seed quality in drier areas.	9-12	100,000	Several registered herbicides.	30-40
Brown Mustard	Annual oilseed	50	More heat and drought tolerant than canola.	7-10	200,000	Several registered herbicides.	40-48
Oriental Mustard	Annual oilseed	50	More heat and drought tolerant than canola.	5-9	200,000	Several registered herbicides.	40-48
Fenugreek	Annual legume	60	Indeterminate crop, Brown and Dark Brown soil zones. Late maturing.	22-30	23,000 - 27,000	No registered herbicides. Use clean fields.	12-24
Buckwheat	Annual grain	48	Widely adapted but sensitive to frost anytime and heat and drought during seed set.	35-55	13,000 - 16,000	Several herbicides registered for grassy weed control.	40-60
Winter Wheat	Winter Annual	60	High yield potential with adequate moisture and nutrients. Needs snow cover for winter survival. Seeding date and depth critical.	90-120	12,000-14,000	Fall or early spring application for broad leaf weed control.	30-40
Canary Seed	Annual birdseed	50	Moderate moisture requirements, shallow rooted.	22-35	65,000	Several herbicides registered.	40-60
Borage	Annual oilseed	34	Moisture loving, seed late to increase GLA content of the oil.	9-15	13,500 (est.)	No registered herbicides. Use clean fields	24-40
Dill	Annual spice	27	Yields best in cool conditions, moderate moisture.	5-9	90,000 (est.)	Poast and Edge are registered herbicides.	40
Caraway	Biennial spice	35	Widely adapted, yields best under moderate moisture.	10	90,000 (est.)	Several herbicides are registered.	12-28
Coriander	Annual spice	22	Heat loving, late maturing.	25	50,000	Several herbicides are registered.	24-40

Days to Maturity	Harvest Method	Safe Storage Moisture	Crop Quality Factors	Markets	Expected Yield Range (lb./ac.)
53 days to flower	Swath or desiccate and direct combine. Pick-up reels, floating cutter bar preferred.	Below 14%	Light green seed.	Human food	900-1200
49 days to flower	Swath or desiccate and direct combine. Pick-up reels, floating cutter bar preferred.	Below 14%	Light green seed.	Human food	1000-1400
49 days to flower	Swath or desiccate and direct combine. Pick up reels, floating cutter bar preferred.	Below 14%	Red seed, smaller than large green lentil. Seed colour grading factors are different than green lentil.	Human food	1000-1300
92 - 100	Swath or desiccate and direct combine. Pick-up reels and lifters preferred.	Below 16%	Uniform green seed free from damage. Less than 5% bleached.	Human food or feed	1250-2000
93 - 105	Swath or desiccate and direct combine. Pick-up reels and lifters preferred.	Below 16%	Large round smooth yellow seed free from damage.	Human food or feed	1250-2400
93 - 105	Swath or desiccate and direct combine. Pick-up reels and lifters preferred.	Below 16%	Various sizes and colours.	Feed	1250-2400
95 - 112	Pick-up reel and floating cutter bar required. Swathing preferred. Swath when tough.	14% - 16%	Sound whole seed. Avoid seed damage.	Human food	800-1500 Dry land
110 - 120	Direct combine or swath and combine.	Below 14%	Sound whole seed. Avoid seed damage.	Human food	1050-1450
110 – 125 110 - 120	Direct combine or swath and combine.	Below 14%	Sound whole seed, avoid seed damage. Light coloured seed coat, green seed.	Human food	900-1300 1000 –1400
110 - 120	Swath and combine.	Below 16%	Avoid splitting and cracking.	High protein feed	1000-1600
115 - 125	Direct combine preferred.	Below 9.5%	Bright white for birdseed, well filled.	Birdseed or edible oil	600-750
110 - 125	Direct combine with sunflower attachment.	Below 10%	Premiums for high oil content.	Edible oil and confection	700-1000
99 - 103	Swath and combine or direct combine with standard equipment.	Below 10%	Premiums for high oil content.	Edible oil and birdseed	700-1000
90 - 93	Direct combine or swath and combine.	Below 9.5%	Bright yellow seed.	Condiment	550-700
91 - 94	Swath and combine.	Below 9.5%	Dark reddish brown seed.	Condiment	620-900
91 - 93	Swath and combine.	Below 9.5%	Bright golden seed.	Condiment	620-900
115 - 130	Resists shattering, direct combine or swath and combine.	Below 12%	Golden coloured seed.	Spice ingredient, pharmaceutical, health food	550-900
80 - 90	Swath when 75% mature.	Below 16%	Tan coloured seed, do not mix old (reddish-brown dehulled) and new (greenish dehulled) crop.	Human food	550-700
210-225 days after January 1st	Direct combine or swath and combine. Sprouts easily in the swath.	Below 14%	Adequate nitrogen is needed to meet yield and protein potential.	Feed, food and ethanol	2100-3600
95 - 105	Swath and combine or direct combine. Shatter resistant.	Below 13%	Avoid dehulling seed.	Birdseed	700-1050
85	Ripens unevenly, shatters most of the seed, swath.	Below 10%	Avoid volunteer cereal crops which are difficult to separate.	Oil extracted for neutraceutical	90-200
105 - 115	Swath and combine.	Below 10%	Clean seed, oil content.	Flavouring	270-1000
Biennial. Matures in early Aug.	Swath when approximately 75% of seeds have turned brown.	Below 10%	Brown with dark stripes. Avoid green seed.	Flavouring	450-700
95-110	Direct combine or swath and immediately combine.	Below 10%	Fully mature brown seeds, splits below 5%.	Flavourings and perfumes	550-800

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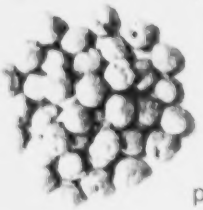
USING THE 2005 SPECIALTY CROP BUDGETS



The relative profitability of crops can be difficult to determine when they are part of a longer-term rotation. Profits are easier to compare based on the net returns per rotation acre, which is the average profit or loss per acre, per year for a particular crop rotation.

Step 1. Adjust the Crop Budgets for the Crops to be Compared.
The crop budgets shown in this report are based on estimated costs and returns for each crop. The actual costs and returns on your own farm may be different.

You may wish to change costs to suit the conditions on your own farm.

Step 2. Calculate the Average Returns per Rotation Acre.
Use the table below to list the different rotations of crops and fallow which you are considering for your farm. Show the complete rotation from the first year to the last year. Use the adjusted crop budgets for your own farm to calculate the average return per rotation acre for various rotations.

Crop Rotation Returns	Source	Example 1 – Brown and Dark Brown Soil Zones Specialty Crops			Rotation 1		Rotation 2		Rotation 3	
		Crop	Return over Total Expenses $/acre	Return over Variable Expenses $/acre	Crop	Return $/acre	Crop	Return $/acre	Crop	Return $/acre
Year 1	Brown Soil Zone	Spring Wheat	$ (36.03)	$ 7.52						
Year 2	Specialty Crops	Kabuli 7mm	$35.14	$ 83.86						
Year 3	Brown Soil Zone	Barley	$ (49.07)	$ (5.53)						
Year 4	Specialty Crops	Yellow Mustard	$ (25.23)	$ 18.32						
Year 5	Specialty Crops	Canary Seed	$ (24.34)	$ 25.95						
Year 6	Specialty. Crops	Lentil	$ 32.25	$ 87.72						
Total Returns			$ (67.28)	$ 217.84						
Total no.years in rotation			6	6						
Return per rotation acre			$ (11.21)	$ 36.31						

In this example, all crops are conventionally seeded.
In this example, both returns over total expenses and returns over variable expenses are calculated. If the average return is negative then the rotation with the smallest negative return would be best.

SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION COSTS ($/ACRE) MY FARM	USE THIS WORKSHEET TO ADJUST THE CROP BUDGETS TO YOUR FARM COSTS			
REVENUE PER ACRE				
A Estimated yield (bu./ac.; lb./ac.)				
B Estimated on-farm market price per bushel or per pound				
C Estimated Gross Revenue per acre				
EXPENSES PER ACRE				
Variable Expenses per acre				
Seed				
Fertilizer: Nitrogen				
Phosphorus				
Sulphur and Other				
Chemical: Herbicides				
Insecticides				
Seed Treatment/Fungicides				
Machinery Operating: Fuel				
Repair				
Custom Work and Hired Labour				
Crop Insurance Premium				
Utilities and Miscellaneous				
Interest on Variable Expenses				
D Total Variable Expenses per acre				
Other Expenses per acre				
Building Repair				
Property Taxes				
Insurance and Licences				
Machinery Depreciation				
Building Depreciation				
Machinery Investment				
Building Investment				
Land Investment				
E Total Other Expenses				
F Labour and Management[1]				
G Total Expenses per acre (D+E+F)				
H Summerfallow cost				
I Total Rotation Expense (G+H)				
RETURNS PER ACRE				
Return over Variable Expenses (C-D)				
Return over Total Rotational Expenses (C-I)				
BREAK-EVEN YIELD PER ACRE (lb./ac. or bu./ac.)**				
To Cover Variable Expenses				
To Cover Total Rotation Expenses				
BREAK-EVEN PRICE (per bushel or per pound)**				
To Cover Variable Expenses				
To Cover Total Rotation Expenses				

* These budgets do not include an estimate for owner/operator labour and management. Farm managers need to determine their own actual labour and management costs and add it to total expenses.

** The break-even yields and prices for summerfallow crops should include the previous years tillage fallow expenses.